

PHOENIX SUPPOSES CHINA "WHITE WOLF" IS RESIDENT THERE

Naval Recruiting Officer Who
Saw Famous Chinese Band-
dit and Pirate Thinks he is
Living in City Chinatown

PHOENIX, July 27.—Is Phoenix the present hiding place and lair of a famous oriental desperado? Does the apparently placid surface of our local "Chinatown" conceal the turbulent boilings and bubblings of a mighty political plot that involves the destiny of a nation and the future of a hundred million people of an alien race? Is Wong Chong, the "White Wolf," once mighty leader of the Koo Choo Tong and monarch over the destinies of 10,000,000 souls in the province of Hou Nan; despoiler of homes, with the blood of thousands staining his yellow talon-like hands; is the White Wolf, many times reported dead, alive, and now holding forth in some dim recess of the China Alley here in Phoenix?

T. R. Parker, chief master at arms, U. S. N., now in charge of the naval recruiting station recently opened in Phoenix thinks so. And Parker ought to know, for once, in China seas, the naval man had a narrow escape from death at the hands of the merciless outlaw and his bloody band.

The other night while strolling idly about Chinatown district in Phoenix, Parker was attracted by the action of a dark form which emerged cautiously from a low doorway in a nearby building. Parker, out of curiosity, stepped behind a nearby tree, the shadow of the foliage making a perfect screen. The figure straightened up and then paused to strike a match, lighting the ever present cigarette of the average Chinaman. The flare caused a sinister face to stand out in bold relief against the darkness of the night and the startled Parker immediately recognized the features of the supposedly deceased "White Wolf," long thought sufficed to his fathers.

The light revealed the came wicked little black eyes, the drawn lower lip and the long red scar running across one cheek, caused by a scimitar thrust in a tong war, the same malicious grin that had once so nearly leered in triumph over Parker's dead form. Before the naval man recovered from his justifiable excitement the figure had glided swiftly around the building and was gone. Investigation of the house from which the figure had emerged revealed no visible signs of occupancy while interrogation of nearby Chinamen resulted in only the ancient bland ignorance proverbial of their race.

The White Wolf

The "White Wolf" was a name that spelled terror and spread desolation in the far reaches of the China seas and nearby provinces some years ago. Head of the Koo Choo Tong and master of the province, Hou Nan, he carried his bloody ensign over many a despoiled town and terror stricken district. The flag of the "White Wolf" also flew at the mast head of an ill-famous fleet of "Yangtze Pirates," the terror of the China seas and the inland reaches of the great Yangtze river. The towns of Woo Hoo, Nankin, Chang Hia, Hang Kow and many others lived in continual fear of his bloody devastations and raids. Many times the Wolf was reported dead and his body despoiled but always he turned up again in some mysterious manner, escaping the fate alleged for him.

The last time his death was reported was in 1912 when a squadron of Imperial Chinese cruisers suddenly surprised the junks and sampans composing the fleet of the pirate king near the mouth of the Yangtze river, and there annihilated them. The "White Wolf" was reported killed in the battle and in celebration thereof the crews of the captured junks were imbedded upright in the sands in accordance with the ancient

MAY LEAD FIGHT FOR HUGHES IN THE MIDDLE WEST



James A. Hemenway.

James A. Hemenway, former United States senator from Indiana, is reported on good authority has been chosen to take charge of the middle west headquarters in the Republican national campaign. The post is regarded as an important one because of the fact that much of the hard fighting will be carried on in the middle west.

Chinese custom announcing the capture and decease of a pirate. A period of great rejoicing ensued in the territory previously harassed by the Wolf and his bands, and nothing further was ever seen or heard of him until the advent of his sudden reincarnation the other night.

Parker's connection with the outlaw was the result of the detention of a party of sailors under his command, by the Wolf, in 1910, while on a rescue expedition up the Yangtze river to the aid of a number of American missionaries who were reported in distress.

Mystery Unsolved

The "Wolf" held the party for several days, each day threatening them with terrible tortures and death, and then, evidently fearing the power of the great United States government, allowed them to proceed on their way, where they found the missionaries still alive and safe.

The "Wolf," while in control of the province he terrorized, was considered a great political factor and was only eliminated by the sudden and unexpected descent made upon him, catching him while totally unprepared.

What he is doing here in Phoenix, if indeed it is the "Wolf" is a matter for the greatest conjecture, although in all probability this is at present the safest place possible for the despoiled pirate as there are on the coast too many enemies who would immediately recognize him were he to haunt the Chinatowns of the coast cities.

Here in this inland paradise he may be seeking to end his days in comparative ease and comfort, far away from the strife and danger of the scenes of his bloody deeds and among his revengeful victims.

Again he may be plotting to seize again the power which once was his. With the troubled condition of affairs over the entire world at present the moment might seem propitious for a fresh descent upon the scenes of his former triumphs.

RECOMMEND RAISE IN VALUATIONS OF MARICOPA'S FARMS

Recommendations to the Arizona state tax commission that the valuations placed on Maricopa county irrigated lands by Assessor J. T. Bone of that county should be sustained over the action of the Maricopa board of supervisors, who voted a 20 per cent reduction on that class of property while they were sitting as a board of equalization, were voted by the state tax conference which opened its sessions in Prescott Wednesday. The motion carrying the recommendations was carried by the conference with a vote of 24 to 4.

During the discussion of the cause of the Maricopa board's action in reducing the certain class of property's tax, 20 per cent, Pat Rose, chairman of the board of supervisors of Gila county stated that he thought the reduction by the Maricopa board was made for political reasons. Assessor Bone contended that his original valuations were correct. The conference then heard the selling price and assessed valuation of irrigated lands sold in Maricopa compared, which showed that very few of Bone's valuations were equal to the selling price.

The discussion of Maricopa's taxation came up when irrigated lands of other counties were being compared in value to those under the great Roosevelt dam irrigation project. In opening his session, the conference adopted the method of comparison in examining the taxation of each county previous to this conference, the taxes of each county had been investigated separately, leaving the discussion usually to the representatives of the county being investigated.

The new method soon showed that Maricopa irrigated lands were assessed much lower than those of any other county of the state. Maricopa also showed a decrease in total taxable wealth to the extent of \$7,202,114.48. Then the fight as on for the mining counties' delegates said that the rich Salt River valley country was allowing the mineral counties to pay all taxes. The Maricopa delegates defended their action, with the exception of the assessor, who contended that his original valuation was correct.

Besides the state tax commission and representatives from every other county in the state, the following from Cochise, were in attendance: Walter Thomas, chief deputy assessor; A. C. Karger, clerk of the board of supervisors; J. M. Sparks, chairman of the board.

DELVILLE WOOD IN BRITISH HANDS

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shell may reveal one patrol to another and give it the advantage.

The British had nearly all of the Delville wood after the advance of July 14, but the Germans got an engine machine gun and loaded bullets on them and took possession in the middle of the wood of the British dead, who had fought to the last man. But the British kept the southern end of the wood and the adjoining village of Langueval against repeated attacks, raking the Germans with machine guns and shell fire. When the infantry advanced this morning they did not expect to recover all the wood but when the charge had finished they had taken all except about an acre of the northern end.

Hell's Half Acre

The troops engaged around Longueval wood, where the fighting exceeded in ferocity anything seen in the offensive have been both hardened regulars and new army battalions. The army men, fresh from the English drill grounds, when put into this hell's crucible have shown the same racial stubbornness as the regulars. "No shell fire could be worse than the way the teachers pictured it to us," said one of the new army men. "We were expecting it all—machine guns, bombs, snipers, big shells and little shells—and so we were not surprised."

The commander of one division said of the men they were good and fought well when they attacked on July 14, they would not be put permanently on the reserve, but would have another chance in the offensive. They had a week of this uninterrupted orgy and when they came out to rest their commander informed them they had made good and could go back. The dust-caked veterans cheered this announcement.

Living Miracle
"How anybody comes out of Delville wood alive is a miracle," said an officer who had been in the thick of the struggle. "But I know men who were howled over five times by shells, knocked down by branches of falling trees, whose scalps were cut with machine gun bullets and yet came out."

This morning the British found the Germans mostly with some kind of wound, who had survived the fearful bombardment which had left them stunned and hugging the bottom of shell holes or the remains of their trenches.

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TELLS HOW TO AVOID STROKES LIGHTNING

Louisville Man Says Some
Protection Can be had from
Electric Storms When Proper
Precautions are Taken

Some interesting and timely facts as to what to do and where to go when lightning flashes occur were given out in Louisville, by the office of the United States weather bureau. The recent electric storms of the Warren District are a source of continual danger and the advice will be interesting if not wholly appreciable.

According to Forecaster Walz, if one is in the open the best thing to do is to lie flat on the ground until the lightning has stopped, as the human figure standing erect offers an excellent attraction point to the danger. It should also be borne in mind that the worst lightning bolts generally come down during and near the first sheets of rain, another weather bureau official pointed out.

Prof. Walz asserted further that oak trees are by far the most frequently struck, while the elm, chestnut, pine, walnut, locust and t-orn, all are good targets for the bolts. Beeches,

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birches and maples are fairly safe shelter, the beech in particular, escaping danger almost entirely. The old popular fiction that trees are dangerous places in thunderstorms was exploded by Prof. Walz, who says that if the person stands under the branches and away from the trunk but little risk of being struck is taken. Modern "skyscrapers" with their steel framework, provide safe and handy shelter for the city residents, he stated.

Several years ago the local weather office got together figures showing where persons killed by lightning were at the time of the tragedies. Of 715 cases investigated, it was found that 291, or about three sevenths, met

death in the open, 158 were in houses, 56 in barns and the rest unaccounted for. These figures, which apply to the country at large, show an average of from 10 to 15 persons out of 1,000,000 are killed by lightning every year.

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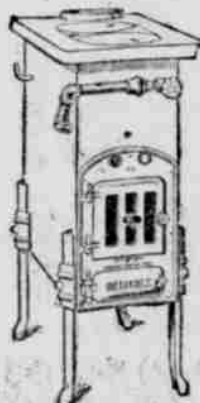
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